American Nurses Association Position Statement: H.R. 1384, the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act

Support for H.R. 1384, the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act

ANA is supportive of the MAT Act, as it would eliminate the duplicative and burdensome requirement that providers, including APRNs, apply for a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) waiver in order to dispense lifesaving buprenorphine to treat those suffering from opioid use disorder. This legislation will allow providers who are already able to prescribe buprenorphine for pain related conditions to meet a growing and unmet need for medication-assisted treatment. ANA supports removing non-evidence-based restrictions on medication-assisted treatment so that more providers can prescribe it for patients who desperately need it.